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THE QCWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET IN SESSION AT IRVING, TEXAS, APRIL 7-9, 1983. ATTENDANCE WAS DISAPPOINTING. OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: Stuart Meyer, W2GHK; Max Arnold, W4WHN; Ethel Smith; K4LMB; Gerd Jacoby, DL3ME; Wes Randles, W4COW and Wade Holland, W4AZT. CANDIDATES WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING, AND TOOK PART IN DELIBERATIONS WERE: Esther Given, W6BDE; Jim Walsh, W7LVN; George Apfel, W2GHV.

WHILE ATTENDANCE MAY HAVE BEEN LOW, THE MEETING WAS SPIRITED WITH A GOOD DEAL OF WORK BEING HANDLED BY THE BOARD. THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL IS A PREVIEW OF THE BOARDS ACTIONS AND HAS BEEN PREPARED WITHOUT THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING....THIS REPORT IS BELIEVED ESSENTIALLY CORRECT BUT SUBJECT TO CHANGE. A SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN QCWA NEWS.

THE SITE OF THE 1984 NATIONAL QCWA CONFERENCE HAS BEEN DECIDED. YANKEE CHAPTER OF QCWA HAD REQUESTED THE HONOR OF PREPARING THE CONFERENCE, AND THE BOARD ACCEPTED THE BID.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE 1985 NATIONAL QCWA CONFERENCE MAY BE HELD IN SOUTH CAROLINE. NO OFFICIAL BID FOR THE CONFERENCE WAS TENDERED AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER.

IN ONE OF ITS MOST IMPORTANT ACTIONS, AND FOLLOWING EXTENDED DISCUSSION, THE BOARD ELECTED JEAN WOLFF, LX1JW, TO THE QCWA HALL OF FAME FOR THE YEAR 1982. SEVERAL CANDIDATES WERE SCREENED WITH CARE BEFORE THE FINAL DECISION OF THE BOARD WAS MADE. THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WILL APPEAR IN QCWA NEWS.

HQ PRESENTED A REPORT ON THE QCWA GOLDEN CERTIFICATE PROGRAM - COSTS WERE DISCUSSED AS WELL AS SUGGESTIONS MADE FOR IMPROVING SERVICE.

HIGH COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE QCWA GOLDEN CERTIFICATES PRACTICALLY MANDATED BOARD ACTION. A NUMBER OF PROCEDURES TO BRING COSTS (NOW RUNNING AT SLIGHTLY OVER \$5.00 PER CERTIFICATE) INTO A BEARABLE STANCE WERE DISCUSSED. THE FOLLOWING STEPS WERE AGREED UPON:

1. HQ WILL BEGIN ST EPS TO MODIFY QCWA RECORDS TO PERMIT AUTOMATIC ISSUANCE OF GOLDEN AWARDS TO ELIGIBLE MEMBERS WITHOUT APPLICATION. IT IS HOPED THIS CAN BE FULLY OPERABLE BY JANUARY 1, 1984
2. THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GOLDEN CERTIFICATE TO BE REDUCED IN SIZE TO 8½ x 11 INCHES, MAKING LARGE SAVINGS IN MAILING AND FRAMING COSTS.
3. THE BOARD AUTHORIZED REPLACEMENT OF MULTIPLE GOLDEN CERTIFICATES NOW ISSUED FOR 50, 55, 60, 65 & 70 YEARS WITH ONLY ONE PROPERLY DESIGNED CERTIFICATE TO PERMIT ENDORSEMENTS AT FIVE-YEAR INTERVALS. IT IS NOTED THAT THE ENDORSEMENT WILL ALSO BE ISSUED AUTOMATICALLY.

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4. The Board authorized termination of the 50-Year Continuously licensed Golden Certificate. Experience has shown this to be a difficult certificate to guarantee (requires checking no less than 50 callbooks, and usually multiple letters back-and-forth to establish eligibility).
5. The Board has requested HQ to prepare the proper documents for carrying out the procedures specified, and to have them ready for general use by August 1, 1983, with exception of the full QCWA roster preparation scheduled for January 1, 1984.
6. New QCWA members will, where eligible, be issued their Golden Certificates, without application, upon joining QCWA.

Date of eligibility will be based upon the first date of licensing established by each member in his original membership application. In the event that this date was later modified, the corrected date will be used.

The present certificate will be continued until supplies are depleted or until August 1, 1983, as the case may be.

THE BOARD TOOK OFFICIAL NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THE QCWA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND HAS REACHED THE SUM OF \$25,000. LEO MEYERSON AND ALL OTHERS WHO HAVE WORKED TO THIS END WERE COMMENDED. THE BOARD HAS ASKED THAT MEMBERS CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUND, AND THAT THE GOAL OF \$50,000 BE SET SO THAT THE MEMORIAL FUND WILL CONTINUE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE.

DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD WERE PRESENTED WITH THE MOTION TO OFFICIALLY ENDORSE ISSUANCE OF CHARTERS TO THE NEWLY FORMED CHAPTERS OF QCWA. THE NEW CHAPTERS CHARTERED ARE:

WYOMING CHAPTER OF QCWA (140) SEPTEMBER 30, 1982
HI-PLAINS CHAPTER OF QCWA (141) OCTOBER 1, 1982
NORTHWEST OHIO CHAPTER OF QCWA (142) NOVEMBER 11, 1982
NORTH COLORADO CHAPTER OF QCWA (143) MARCH 15, 1983

THE BOARD AUTHENTICATED THE CHARTERS ISSUED, AND ISSUED A STATEMENT OF WELCOME TO ALL OF THE CHAPTERS AND THEIR MEMBERS.

IN LINE WITH THE BOARDS PLEDGE TO WORK IN THE INTEREST OF AMATEUR RADIO, THE FCC AND OTHERS TO INSURE AMATEUR RADIO REMAINS A VIABLE THING, THE BOARD HEARD DISCUSSION ON THE IMMINENT BEGINNINGS OF LICENSING PROCEDURES USING VOLUNTEER AMATEUR EXAMINERS. THIS PROGRAM IS IN ITS FORMATIVE STAGES, WITH MANY DIFFICULTIES REMAINING TO BE OVERCOME....FORMULATION OF ACCEPTABLE PROCEDURES, AND OF ADEQUATE EXAMINATIONS, ETC. QCWA WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH ALL ORGANIZATIONS TO GET THIS SYSTEM OPERABLE.

ON ANOTHER FRONT, THE FCC HAS INDICATED INTEREST IN ISSUANCE OF A "NO-CODE" LICENSE. THE EXACT STATUS OF THEIR PROPOSAL HAS NOT BEEN CLARIFIED. IT APPEARS THAT SHOULD SUCH A PROGRAM BE INAUGURATED,

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THAT THE LICENSES WOULD PERMIT OPERATION ABOVE 50 MHz ONLY. THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE FCC PROPOSAL AT LENGTH. IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THE PROPOSED LICENSING STRUCTURE, THE BOARD HAS REQUESTED HQ TO PREPARE A QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBERS OF QCWA SO THAT THEIR OPINION MAY BE HEARD, AND SO THAT THE BOARD CAN BE MADE CLEARLY AWARE OF THE MAJORITY OPINION OF QCWA MEMBERS ON THIS POSSIBLE ACTION. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE PREPARED DURING THE SUMMER OF 1983, AS SOON AS HQ IS ABLE TO GET IT PROPERLY PREPARED.

IN OTHER ACTIONS, THE BOARD HEARD DISCUSSION AS TO THE POSSIBLE REQUIREMENT THAT CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION AS OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF QCWA MUST HAVE AN AMATEUR LICENSE OF SOME CERTAIN GRADE. THE DISCUSSION WAS LIVELY. THE ISSUE HAD BEEN RAISED BY MEMBER INTEREST. THE BOARD FELT THAT NO RETROACTIVE ACTION WAS POSSIBLE....I.E., THAT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT, IF ESTABLISHED, COULD NOT BE MADE APPLICABLE TO THE 1983 ELECTION. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN TO ESTABLISH SUCH A REQUIREMENT. THE BOARD DID, HOWEVER, TAKE ACTION TO REQUIRE THAT THE LICENSE GRADE OF EACH CANDIDATE BE SHOWN AS A PART OF THEIR PREPARED BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL ASSOCIATED WITH THE BALLOT. THIS ACTION WAS MADE APPLICABLE TO THE 1983 ELECTIONS. A LETTER HAS BEEN PREPARED AND SENT TO EACH CANDIDATE NOTIFYING THEM OF THE RULE, LICENSE GRADES HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM THE LATEST CALLBOOK AND WILL BE USED, UNLESS HQ IS NOTIFIED BY RETURN MAIL, BY THE CANDIDATES OF A CHANGE.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TOOK NOTICE OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT ON BEHALF OF QCWA BY THE FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO WITH RESPECT TO THE SCREENING OF APPLICANTS FOR THE QCWA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS. A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE FAR WAS ANNOUNCED. THE MEMORIAL FUND AWARDS FOR 1983 WERE INCREASED. A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NUMBER AND VALUE OF THE AWARDS VOTED WILL APPEAR IN QCWA NEWS.

HQ WAS CALLED TO TASK IN ITS RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE POSSIBLE AFFILIATION OF QCWA CHAPTERS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. THIS MATTER HAD BEEN ACTED UPON DURING THE BOARD'S 1978 MEETING AT SAN DIEGO. A STATEMENT OF POLICY HAD BEEN ADOPTED AT THAT TIME. THE STATEMENT WAS SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS, LEAVING INTERPRETATION OF THE INTENT OF THE BOARD SOMEWHAT VAGUE. AS A RESULT, THE BOARD REVIEWED ITS 1978 STATEMENT AND TOOK ACTION TO RE-AFFIRM THE ACTION TAKEN AT THAT TIME. HEADQUARTERS WAS DIRECTED TO PREPARE A LETTER TO CHAPTER OFFICIALS WHICH WOULD CLEARLY STATE THE BOARD'S DECISION IN THE MATTER OF AFFILIATION OF QCWA CHAPTERS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. THE LETTER WILL BE SENT IMMEDIATELY. CHAPTERS WHO HAVE AFFILIATED WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE DIRECTED TO TERMINATE THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE LETTER EXPLAINS THE REASONS FOR THE BOARD'S ACTION IN RE-AFFIRMING THE PREVIOUS OFFICIAL QCWA POLICY.

PRESIDENT STUART MEYER PRESENTED A FINE SLIDE AND COMMENT PROGRAM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TWO-WAY RADIO, FROM THE BEGINNING TO PRESENT. MEMBERS WERE INTRODUCED TO THE NEWLY DEVELOPED CELLULAR CONCEPT OF TWO-WAY COMMUNICATIONS.

GOLDEN CERTIFICATES WERE AWARDED AT THE MEETING.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTED THE ABSENCE OF LELAND SMITH, W5KL, WHO WAS OBEYING, WITH RELUCTANCE, DOCTORS ORDERS FOLLOWING HIS RECENT ILLNESS.

THE QCWA HOTLINE REPORT IS AVAILABE TO MEMBERS AT A COST OF \$6 PER YEAR. NO LESS THAN 10 ISSUES ANNUALLY. OVERSEAS MEMBERS RECEIVE THE HLR FOUR TIMES ANNUALLY....FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST AND NOVEMBER ISSUES.

THE VERY LATEST MEMBER TO BE ENROLLED IN QCWA (APRIL 12, 1983) IS:

JOSEPH D. BROWN, W5KZT, AUSTIN, TX (16,961)

A SPECIAL VOTE OF THANKS GOES TO THE MEMBERS OF DALLAS CHAPTER OF QCWA... BARNEY MOFFAT, W5CJZ; WALTER WIEDERHOLD, W5OGZ; NADINE WELLS, W5ZUT; ROLLIE TERRILL, W5RC; BEN HOLLOMAN, W5CP, AND OTHERS, WHO TOOK PART IN THE QCWA IRVING CONFERENCE, AND WHO MET OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS AT THE AIRPORT, BRINGING THEM IN SAFELY AND WITH DISPATCH, TO THE CONFERENCE CENTER. YOU GUYS AND GALS ARE WONDERFUL AND, WE LOVE YOU!



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